

INJURY PREVENTION TASK FORCE (IPTF) MEETING
January 3, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT

Melissa Krall, Washoe County, SAFE KIDS, Regional Emergency Medical Services Agency (REMSA), Chairperson
Mike Bernstein, Health Educator II, Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) Vice Chairperson
Kelly Anrig, Safety Engineer, Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT)
Alma Angeles, Registered Nurse, University Medical Center (UMC) Trauma for Dr. John Fildes
Robinette (Robbie) Bacon, School Health Education Coordinator, Department of Education (DOE)
Jennifer Stoll-Hadayia, Public Health Program Manager, Washoe County District Health Department (WCDHD)
Andrea Rivers, Trauma Coordinator, Bureau of Health Planning & Statistics (BHPS)
Fergus Laughridge, Program Manager, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Bureau of Licensure & Certification (BLC)
Jeanne Cosgrove, Clark County SAFE KIDS

MEMBERS ABSENT

Misty Vaughan Allen, Office of Suicide Prevention
Holly Billie, Indian Health Service (IHS)
Erin Breen, Safe Community Partnership Program (SCPP)
Laurie Ann Grimes, Nevada Office of Traffic Safety (NOTS)

STATE HEALTH DIVISION STAFF PRESENT

Kelly Langdon, HPS 1, Injury and Rape Prevention Coordinator, BFHS
Alicia Hansen, Chief Biostatistician, Nevada Health Department, Bureau of Health Planning & Statistics (BHPS)
Tami Smith, Administrative Assistant 4, BFHS
Jenelle Baldwin, Administrative Assistant 1, BFHS

OTHERS PRESENT

Megan Van Ness, Public Educator, Clark County Fire Department
Katherine Hooper, Public Educator and Director for Youth Fire Setters, Henderson Fire Department
Cedric Williams, North Las Vegas Fire Department

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Melissa Krall called the Injury Prevention Task Force (IPTF) meeting to order at **9:35 a.m.** at the Bureau of Family Services (BFHS) 3427 Goni Road, Suite 108, in Carson City and the Bureau of Licensing and Certification (BLC), 4220 S. Maryland Parkway, Building D, suite 810 in Las Vegas. This was a public meeting and the public was invited to make comments. In accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law, this meeting was posted at the following locations: BFHS, 3427 Goni Rd Ste 108 Carson City; Nevada State Health Division (NSHD), 4150 Technology Way, Carson City; Nevada State Library and Archives, Carson City; Washoe County District Health Department (WCDHD), Ninth and Wells, Reno; Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD), 625 Shadow Lane, Las Vegas; Elko County Library, 720 Court St, Elko; BLC, 4220 S. Maryland Parkway, Building D, suite 810 in Las Vegas, and on the NSHD website, www.health.nv.gov

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 4, 2007 MINUTES

Jennifer Stoll-Hadayia motioned to approve the minutes and Robinette Bacon seconded.

MOTION APPROVED

TASK FORCE AGENCY UPDATES-MEMBERS TO GIVE A BRIEF UPDATE ON THEIR CURRENT INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND EFFORTS

Andrea Rivers stated the software implementation for Trauma Registry should be completed this month which includes a web based form for hospitals to submit data in real time. She stated she would like to put together a Trauma Workgroup and also send packets to the hospitals reminding them of the Trauma Registry and the NRS and data required to be submitted.

Alicia Hansen, Bureau of Health Planning and Statistics (BHPS), stated the Bureau has been conducting interviews for the Injury Biostatistician position and is now checking references on the final candidate who will hopefully start in a few weeks.

Ms. Bacon stated the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) is complete and will be released to the State Board January 26, 2008 with data from middle and high schools, after which data will be available online. She stated the Adolescent Sexual Health Summit (ASHS) will be January 23-25, 2008, at the Atrium Suites in Las Vegas with the key school nurses meeting the morning of the 23rd and the Summit beginning at 1:00 pm.

Ms. Krall stated REMSA and Safe Kids Washoe County (SKWC) have a follow up meeting to discuss a 2 year focus. Ms. Krall stated a 10,000 grant request had been submitted through the Federal Express sponsor for Environmental Improvement Grant for the Safe Kids Worldwide work at Esther Bennett Elementary School for elevated crosswalks and other traffic mitigations. Ms. Krall stated the Safe Routes to School grant meets in 2 weeks and may hire a position through the school district to focus on education and encouragement district wide. Environmental improvements for 4 targeted Sun Valley schools are funded by the 780,000 dollar Safe Routes to School grant over 3 years. Ms. Krall stated the Not Even For A Minute campaign is in Public Service Announcement (PSA) production in English and Spanish and will be looking for air time. Ms. Krall Stated the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team (DVFRT), spearheaded by Dick Clifton and the District Attorney's (DA) Office will meet every other month and follow the Child Death Review (CDR) meeting. She stated a survey was conducted of Emergency Rooms and Providers on training and function on family centered care for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) for child program. Ms. Krall stated Catholic Healthcare West gave a grant of \$24,000 for a car seat fitting station in Reno.

Fergus Laughridge stated Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence (NADV) is looking at how to assist healthcare providers with reporting violence and to increase awareness. He stated the Merchant Medical Services for Children grant is multi-year and is focused on pediatrics and assisting with equipment for rural and urban agencies. Mr. Laughridge stated his agency is working with the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) and the Traffic Safety Taskforce (TST) to assist with site reviews.

Ms. Stoll-Hadayia stated WCHD is not filling the vacant position for Injury Prevention due to the hiring freeze and budget crisis this fiscal year.

Kelly Anrig stated Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) hired a position for Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) with a kick off in February. Mr. Anrig stated there is a Safety Summit in Las Vegas tentatively scheduled for February 12-13, 2008. Mr. Anrig stated the preliminary fatality numbers for Nevada are in for 2007, 369 compared to 432 in 2006. He stated these numbers are down nationwide as well.

Mike Bernstein stated the Southern Nevada Injury Prevention Partnership's (SNIPP) first meeting was held with 22 in attendance; the next meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2008. Mr. Bernstein stated he met with Joseph Greenway, Center for Health Data and Analysis (CHDA), University of Las Vegas (UNLV), regarding the passage of AB146, which will require all hospitals to start collecting Emergency Department data.

Alma Angeles stated the University Medical Center (UMC) had the, “You Drink, You Drive, You Lose” event on December 14, 2007 which was successful with thanks to the OTS and other sponsors. Ms. Angeles stated, together with Safe Kids and funded by community grants, there will be car seat trainings and free car seats available to needy families in the Las Vegas area. Ms. Angeles spoke of the 12 Days of Christmas program, offering free rides home which ended on New Years Eve; it provided rides home for over 2,400 people, and is now being considered for Super Bowl weekend. She stated in February the Preventing Automobile Collisions Everyday (PACE) program will begin, which is a high school competition to create a campaign to educate peers on traffic safety.

Jeanne Cosgrove stated Safe Kids, through a grant from OTS, found deaths for “Tweens”, ages 8-15, is rising due to low seat belt usage. Ms. Cosgrove stated Safe Kids has been conducting seat belt check points, following up in the classrooms with presentations and class study, and have found a 25% increase in seat belt usage. Ms. Cosgrove stated Safe Kids found many in this age group sit in the front seat; the next campaign will be to educate the dangers of front seat riding. She stated the child passenger hotline, a line to report unrestrained child passengers, will be reinstated. Ms. Cosgrove stated MGM Grand gave a 20,000 dollar grant to provide car seats to families reported on the hotline, unable to afford one. Ms. Cosgrove stated Safe Kids checked 8,000 car seats in 2007 and 98% are installed incorrectly.

Megan Van Ness stated Clark County Fire Department (CCFD) had 13 rural communities in their jurisdiction that do not get the programs the Valley Wide communities get. Ms. Van Ness stated instead of a Fire Safety House it will be changed to a safety house with an emphasis on injury prevention in general using this as the pilot year.

Katherine Hooper stated a grant for 30,000 dollars was filed under Safe Kids Coalition (SKC) for expanding and improving the Youth Fire Setters (YFS) program. Ms. Hooper stated the first YFS meeting is January 4, 2008, with 10 families planning to attend.

Kelly Langdon stated in April she will be attending the annual Injury Prevention Grantee (IPG) meeting, which is being held in conjunction with the State and Territorial Injury Prevention Directors Association (STIPDA) Conference in Oklahoma City. Ms. Langdon stated she is a new member of the Nevada Council for the Prevention of Domestic Violence (NCPDV), which is out of the AG’s office. Ms. Langdon stated Andrea Sundberg is the new Executive Director for the Nevada Coalition against Sexual Violence (NCASV).

INTERIM BOISTATISTICIAN UPDATE REGARDING INJURY REPORTS

Ms. Hansen reported the feedback from the Suicide Prevention Overview Report is in the final review for website posting and should be posted by February 14, 2008.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON NEVADA’S INJURY PREVENTION STRATEGIC PLAN

Ms. Langdon reported the NSHD would like the IPTF to complete a project/activity. Ms. Langdon suggested a face-to-face meeting in Las Vegas for the April 3, 2008 meeting to discuss ideas for an activity the IPTF can do to make a change for the State. Ms. Angeles mentioned there is no primary seat belt law in Nevada and suggested this to be the topic for action. Ms. Cosgrove agreed and also suggested the IPTF do a study on seat belt usage to take to the legislature. Mr. Laughridge mentioned there is not much awareness of the IPTF and suggested northern and southern Nevada come together with resources to share a campaign to take to the Legislature so it will be viewed as a reliable source. Ms. Krall suggested waiting until the face-to-face meeting to discuss the topic of action. Ms. Stoll-Hadayia suggested an all day meeting to not only brainstorm for a topic, but also adopt a plan and set priorities. Ms. Stoll-Hadayia made the motion to approve the meeting and Mr. Laughridge seconded. **MOTION APPROVED**

OFFICER ELECTIONS FOR A NEW CHAIR AND VICE CHAIRPERSON

Ms. Langdon reviewed duties of Chair and Vice Chair positions and explained this is a 2 year seat. Mr. Bernstein accepted nomination for Chair made by Ms. Stoll-Hadayia. Ms. Rivers accepted nomination for Vice Chair made by Ms. Krall. Ms. Krall motioned to approve the new Chair positions and Ms. Stoll-Hadayia seconded. **MOTION APPROVED**

STAFF REPORTS

Nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND DISCUSSION

No public comment.

ADJOURMENT

Meeting adjourned at **11:09 am.**